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DATE: November 15, 1995
SUBJECT: Information Update #20

1. Our office has recently received the two issues of EPA's *Labcert Bulletin* from the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Cincinnati, Ohio.

a. The following topics are addressed in the August 1995 issue;

1. ICR Lab Approval Update
2. Answers to the questions EPA has received about the 1994 Methods Rule and Tech Notes
3. Updated Table of Methods *
4. PCB analyses and Compliance

* Please note the warning in this issue that "if there are any discrepancies between the Table and the 40 CFR, the Code is correct."

b. The following topics are addressed in the September 1995 issue;

1. Spotlight on Method 504.1
2. Data Audits
3. Microbiology Sampling
4. Letters to the Editor
5. Metals Preservation
6. New Metals Manual
7. Preservation Table
8. Resources

If your laboratory would like to have a copy of the *Labcert Bulletins* mentioned above, please send a fax to Prabha Acharya at (602) 255-1070. Please include your mailing address and indicate if you need all the Bulletins or only the specific ones.

- c. Page 4 of August 1995 issue makes a reference to the August 1994 *Labcert Bulletin* which contains the recommendation for improving recoveries of 515.1

analytes by changing the evaporation procedure. Our Office can provide you with a copy of that issue also.

2. A concern was raised by the laboratories about the non-availability of Freon 113 in the near future. ADEQ and ADHS are working together in finding an alternate gas chromatographic method for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH). Different Methods are being reviewed and we will keep you apprised of the progress.
3. Technical Resources and Training is presenting a **FREE** workshop on "Auditing Your Lab For Safety" on December 8, 1995 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at 3443 N. Central, Phoenix, Arizona in the ninth floor conference room. The topics to be covered are:
 - General OSHA guidelines
 - Usage of Personal Protective Equipment
 - Engineering controls
 - Fire safety
 - Emergency preparation
 - Storage of chemicals
 - Proper labeling
 - Secondary containment
 - Electrical compliance
 - Viewing of a video on Biological Safety Hoods

If you are interested in attending, please call Cristy Finan at (602) 255-3454 or send us a fax at (602) 255-1070, to register.

4. If you have any questions regarding the Updates or if you have any technical questions that need clarification, please call Prabha Acharya, Program Manager, Technical Resources and Training, at the above numbers.

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